THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Indian Pilots Guild has issued a directive that all co-pilots of A-310 aircraft will not sign any certificate for aircraft which can only be done by a qualified Aircraft Maintenance Engineer for pilot's acceptance of general fitness of aircraft prior to a flight.

(b) All aircrafts are certified as airworthy by Aircraft Maintenance Engineer before flight departure as per the laid down procedure. However, in case of unscheduled diversions of aircraft to airports where the services of the licenced maintenance engineer is not available, the co-pilots have been authorised to carry out transit inspections and certify the aircraft under specified conditions.

Exodus of Indian professionals from Fiji

37. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a mass exodus of Indian professionals from Fiji in the wake of the 1987 military takeover; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) There has been an exodus of professionals of some categories while in others there have been departures in significant numbers.

(b) Fijian professionals of Indian ethnic origin have migrated mainly to Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. They have not sought resettlement in India.

Additional expenditure incurred by the Railways

38. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the amount of additional expenditure incurred by the Railways between 1985 and 1989, yearwise, on account of the increases in the administered prices of coal and mineral oil products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The information is being collected from Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha shortly.

Freight transportation and profit earnings by Railway-zones

39. Dr. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of passengers carried, freight transported, and profit earned by each of the railway zones in the country; yearwise, from 1980 to 1988, and

(b) what are the most profitable and the least profitable zones in the country, when reckoned on the basis the money earned or losses suffered by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Figures of Passengers and freight carried and surplus/shortfall for the year 1980-81 to 1987-88 are given in the annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 4]. The surplus/shortfall reflects the position after adjustment of dividend to General Revenues.

(b) On the basis of result for 1987-88, the highest surplus was registered by the South Eastern Railway and the largest shortfall was on the Southern Railway.

Recruitment of SC/ST candidates by Indian Airlines

40. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any backlog in the

recruitment of the persons belonging to the SC and ST, to the various categories of cabin crew in the Indian Airlines; and

(b) if so, what are the yearwise details in this regard from 1980 to 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of reserved vacancies carried forward in Indian Airlines in respect of Cabin Crew from the year 1980 upto 1988, are as follows:

Year	Cabin Crew			
	Air Hostess		Flight Purser*	
	SC	ST	SC	ST
1980	2	4	7	2
1981	2	8	7	2
1982	2	4	6	4
1983	4	6	7	3
1984	4	6	7	3
1985	3	4	7	4
1986	6	7	7	5
1987	12	11	7	5
1988	17	14	7	5

*Only one SC vacancy lapsed in 1981.

Flights cancelled/delayed by Indian Airlines

41. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise percentage of the flights cancelled and delayed, separately, of the total flights of the Indian Airlines from 1985-88; and

(b) whether any improvement has been made in the quality of food served by the Indian Airlines in 1988 on its domestic flights; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The year-wise percentage of Indian Airlines flights delayed and cancelled during 1985-88 are as follows:—

Year	%age of total flights delayed	%age of total flights cancelled
1985	22.96	1.27
1986	23.07	1.70
1987	23.64	1.94
1988	34.38	3.26

(b) Yes, Sir. It is the constant endeavour of Indian Airlines to improve the quality of food served. The food is uplifted from reputed caterers, flight kitchens and also from more than one caterer to induce competition. In the recent past, Indian Airlines has maintained a rotation of their menus to ensure that fresh food is served. In 1988, Indian Airlines conducted a 'passenger Opinion Survey' to seek preferences for various food and beverage items and it was observed that what Indian Airlines was already serving was popular with the travelling public.

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42. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि.

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(ख) क्या इस संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?